Inter-City Expressways

3928. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc planning to construct 2000 kms. of Inter-city Expressways in the country;

(b) whether it would be a Central Government project or a joint project of the Central and concerned State Governments or private sector's participation would be sought;

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to commence; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) At present there is no proposal to construct inter-city expressways in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Drunken driving in Delhi

3929. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the main reasons for road accidents in Delhi is drunken driving;

(b) if so, the number of accidents occurred during the last three years in Delhi and the number of persons arrested due to drunken driving; and

(c) what exemplary punishment is being awarded to the persons driving under influence of drugs and alcohol during late night hours and festivities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RQAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) According to information obtained from Commissioner of Police, Delhi, Drunken driving is one of the causes of road accidents.